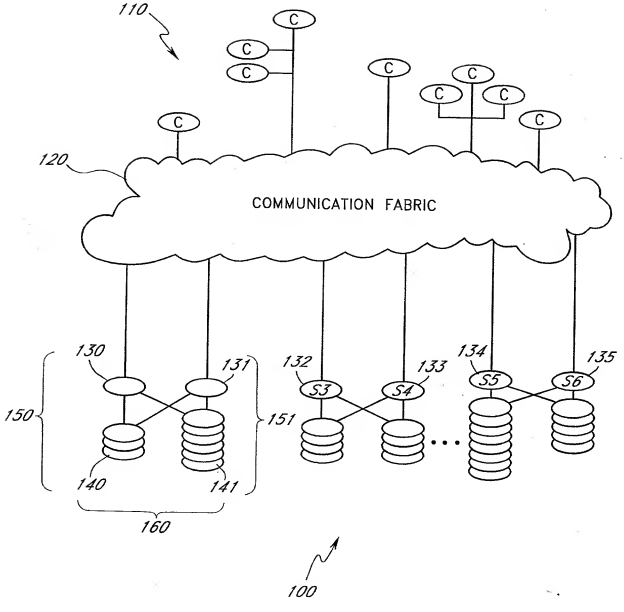

110
C
C
C
C
C
C
C
C
C
120
COMMUNICATION FABRIC
130
131
132
133
134
135
S3
S4
S5
S6
150
151
140
141
160
100

FIG. 1

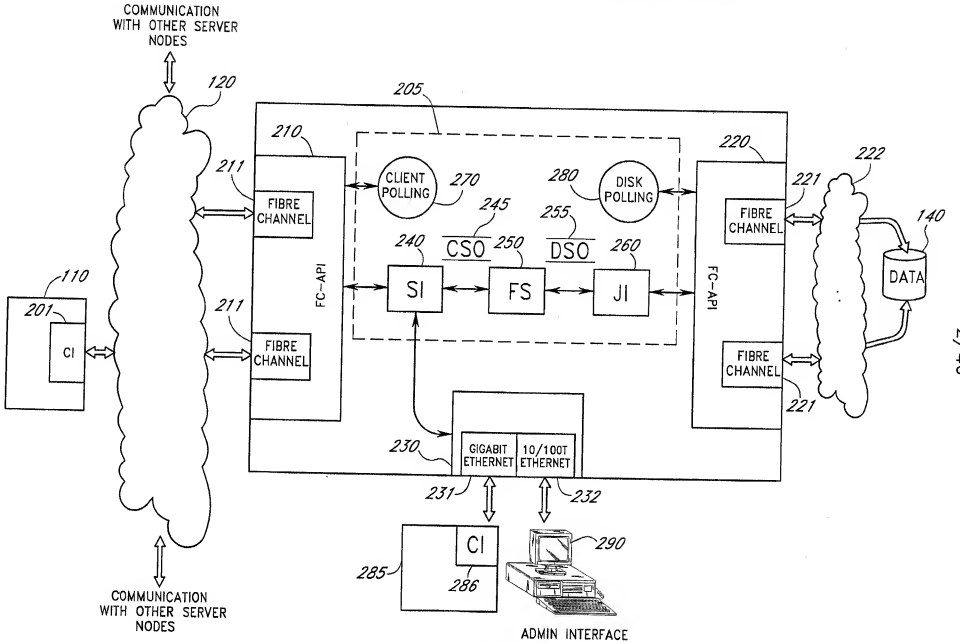

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER SERVER NODES
120
205
210
211
FIBRE CHANNEL
FC-API
CLIENT POLLING
270
245
CSO
240
SI
250
FS
255
DSO
260
JI
280
DISK POLLING
220
221
FIBRE CHANNEL
222
140
DATA
110
201
CI
230
GIGABIT ETHERNET
10/100T ETHERNET
231
232
285
286
290
ADMIN INTERFACE
COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER SERVER NODES

FIG.2

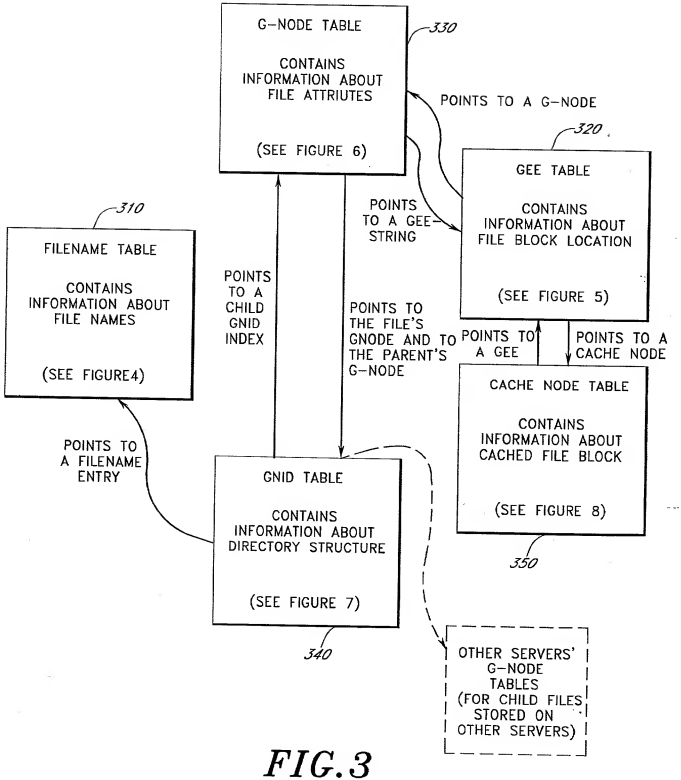

G-NODE TABLE
CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT FILE ATTRIUTES
(SEE FIGURE 6)
330
POINTS TO A G-NODE
320
GEE TABLE
CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT FILE BLOCK LOCATION
(SEE FIGURE 5)
POINTS TO A GEE-STRING
310
FILENAME TABLE
CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT FILE NAMES
(SEE FIGURE4)
POINTS TO A CHILD GNID INDEX
POINTS TO THE FILE'S GNODE AND TO THE PARENT'S G-NODE
POINTS TO A GEE
POINTS TO A CACHE NODE
CACHE NODE TABLE
CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT CACHED FILE BLOCK
(SEE FIGURE 8)
350
POINTS TO A FILENAME ENTRY
GNID TABLE
CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT DIRECTORY STRUCTURE
(SEE FIGURE 7)
340
OTHER SERVERS' G-NODE TABLES (FOR CHILD FILES STORED ON OTHER SERVERS)

FIG.3

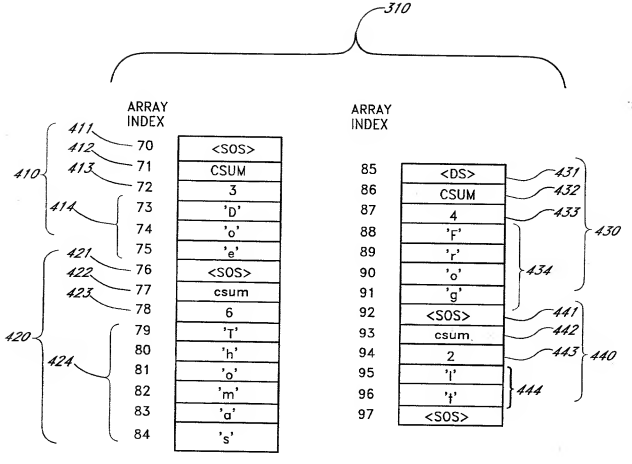

310
ARRAY INDEX
411
412
413
410
414
421
422
423
420
424
70
71
72
73
74
75
76
77
78
79
80
81
82
83
84
<SOS>
CSUM
3
'D'
'o'
'e'
<SOS>
csum
6
'T'
'h'
'o'
'm'
'a'
's'
ARRAY INDEX
85
86
87
88
89
90
91
92
93
94
95
96
97
<DS>
CSUM
4
'F'
'r'
'o'
'g'
<SOS>
csum
2
'l'
't'
<SOS>
431
432
433
434
430
441
442
443
444
440

FIG. 4

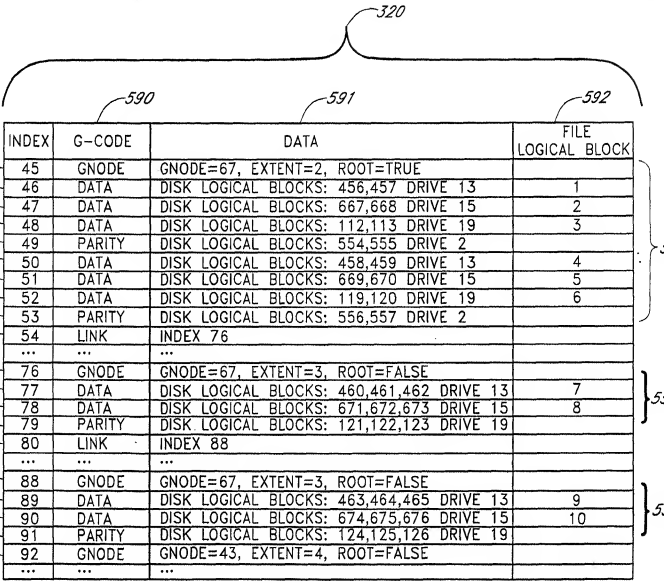

320
590
591
592
INDEX
G-CODE
DATA
FILE LOGICAL BLOCK
510 45 GNODE GNODE=67, EXTENT=2, ROOT=TRUE
511 46 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 456,457 DRIVE 13 1
512 47 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 667,668 DRIVE 15 2
513 48 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 112,113 DRIVE 19 3
514 49 PARITY DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 554,555 DRIVE 2
515 50 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 458,459 DRIVE 13 4
516 51 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 669,670 DRIVE 15 5
517 52 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 119,120 DRIVE 19 6
518 53 PARITY DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 556,557 DRIVE 2
519 54 LINK INDEX 76
... ...
520 76 GNODE GNODE=67, EXTENT=3, ROOT=FALSE
521 77 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 460,461,462 DRIVE 13 7
522 78 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 671,672,673 DRIVE 15 8
523 79 PARITY DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 121,122,123 DRIVE 19
524 80 LINK INDEX 88
... ...
525 88 GNODE GNODE=67, EXTENT=3, ROOT=FALSE
526 89 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 463,464,465 DRIVE 13 9
527 90 DATA DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 674,675,676 DRIVE 15 10
528 91 PARITY DISK LOGICAL BLOCKS: 124,125,126 DRIVE 19
529 92 GNODE GNODE=43, EXTENT=4, ROOT=FALSE
... ...
550
551
552
500

FIG.5

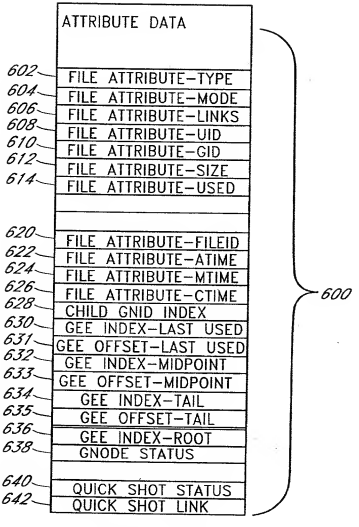

ATTRIBUTE DATA
602
FILE ATTRIBUTE-TYPE
604
FILE ATTRIBUTE-MODE
606
FILE ATTRIBUTE-LINKS
608
FILE ATTRIBUTE-UID
610
FILE ATTRIBUTE-GID
612
FILE ATTRIBUTE-SIZE
614
FILE ATTRIBUTE-USED
620
FILE ATTRIBUTE-FILEID
622
FILE ATTRIBUTE-ATIME
624
FILE ATTRIBUTE-MTIME
626
FILE ATTRIBUTE-CTIME
628
CHILD GNID INDEX
630
GEE INDEX-LAST USED
631
GEE OFFSET-LAST USED
632
GEE INDEX-MIDPOINT
633
GEE OFFSET-MIDPOINT
634
GEE INDEX-TAIL
635
GEE OFFSET-TAIL
636
GEE INDEX-ROOT
638
GNODE STATUS
640
QUICK SHOT STATUS
642
QUICK SHOT LINK
600

FIG. 6

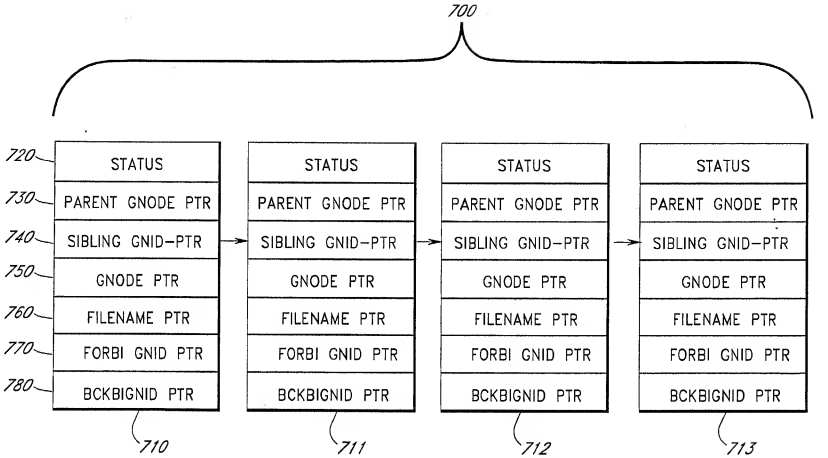

700
720
730
740
750
760
770
780
STATUS
PARENT GNODE PTR
SIBLING GNID–PTR
GNODE PTR
FILENAME PTR
FORBI GNID PTR
BCKBIGNID PTR
710
711
712
713

FIG. 7

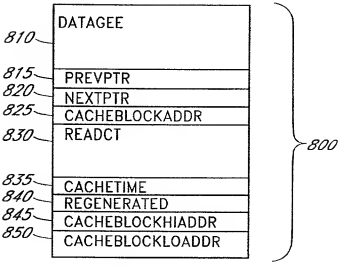

DATAGEE
810
815
PREVPTR
820
NEXTPTR
825
CACHEBLOCKADDR
830
READCT
835
CACHETIME
840
REGENERATED
845
CACHEBLOCKHIADDR
850
CACHEBLOCKLOADDR
800

FIG. 8A

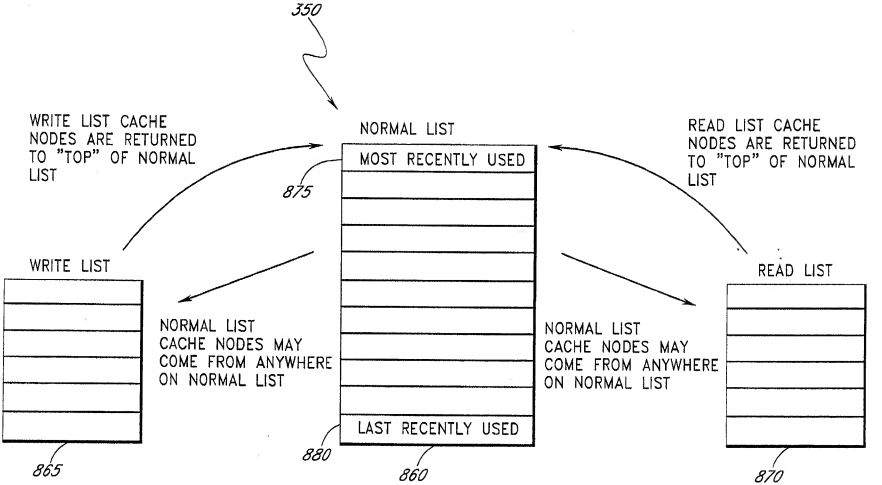

350
WRITE LIST CACHE NODES ARE RETURNED TO "TOP" OF NORMAL LIST
NORMAL LIST
MOST RECENTLY USED
875
READ LIST CACHE NODES ARE RETURNED TO "TOP" OF NORMAL LIST
WRITE LIST
NORMAL LIST CACHE NODES MAY COME FROM ANYWHERE ON NORMAL LIST
NORMAL LIST CACHE NODES MAY COME FROM ANYWHERE ON NORMAL LIST
READ LIST
LAST RECENTLY USED
865
880
860
870

FIG.8B

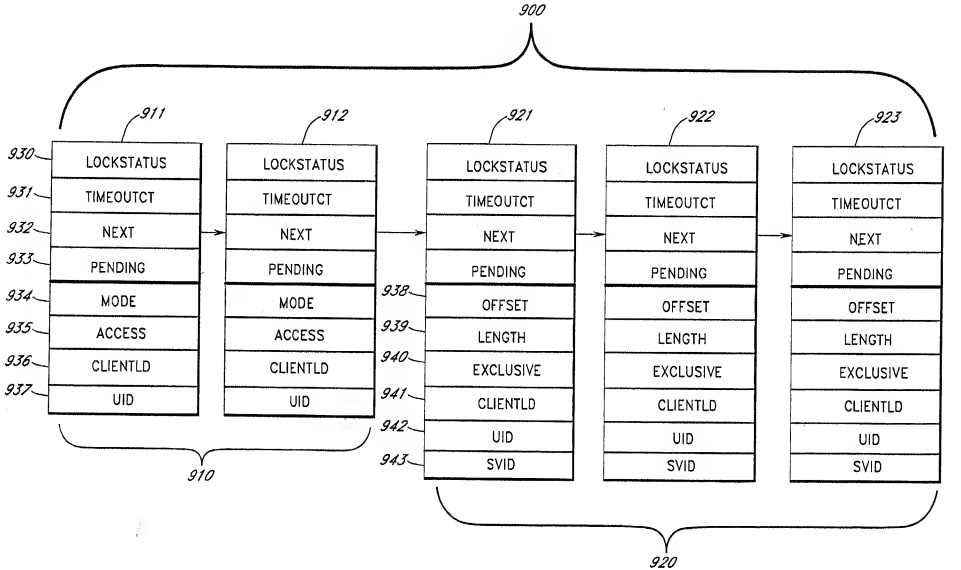

900
911
912
921
922
923
930
931
932
933
934
935
936
937
938
939
940
941
942
943
LOCKSTATUS
TIMEOUTCT
NEXT
PENDING
MODE
ACCESS
CLIENTLD
UID
OFFSET
LENGTH
EXCLUSIVE
SVID
910
920

FIG. 9

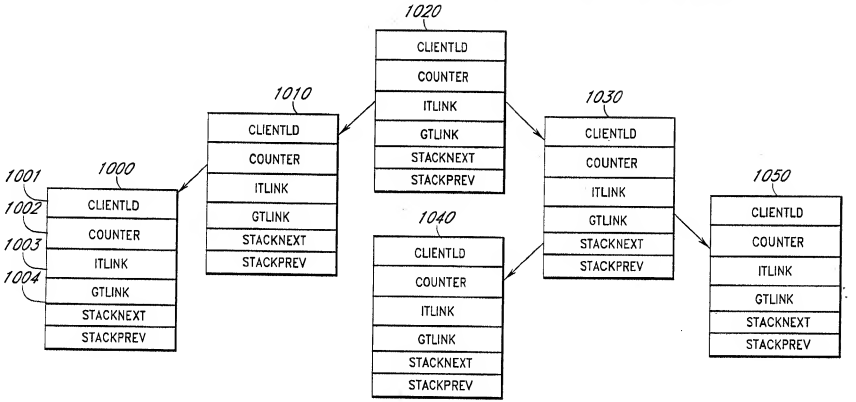

1020
CLIENTLD
COUNTER
ITLINK
GTLINK
STACKNEXT
STACKPREV
1010
CLIENTLD
COUNTER
ITLINK
GTLINK
STACKNEXT
STACKPREV
1030
CLIENTLD
COUNTER
ITLINK
GTLINK
STACKNEXT
STACKPREV
1001
1000
1002
1003
1004
CLIENTLD
COUNTER
ITLINK
GTLINK
STACKNEXT
STACKPREV
1040
CLIENTLD
COUNTER
ITLINK
GTLINK
STACKNEXT
STACKPREV
1050
CLIENTLD
COUNTER
ITLINK
GTLINK
STACKNEXT
STACKPREV

FIG. 10

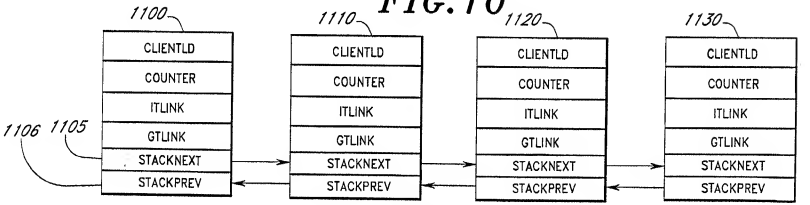

1100
1110
1120
1130
CLIENTLD
COUNTER
ITLINK
GTLINK
STACKNEXT
STACKPREV
1106
1105

FIG. 11

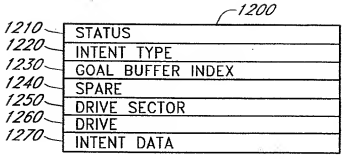

1200
1210
STATUS
1220
INTENT TYPE
1230
GOAL BUFFER INDEX
1240
SPARE
1250
DRIVE SECTOR
1260
DRIVE
1270
INTENT DATA

FIG. 12

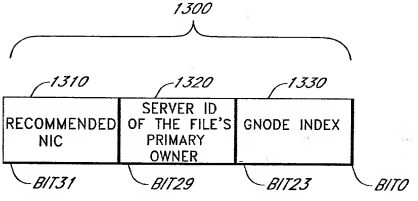

1300
1310
1320
1330
RECOMMENDED NIC
SERVER ID OF THE FILE'S PRIMARY OWNER
GNODE INDEX
BIT31
BIT29
BIT23
BIT0

FIG. 13

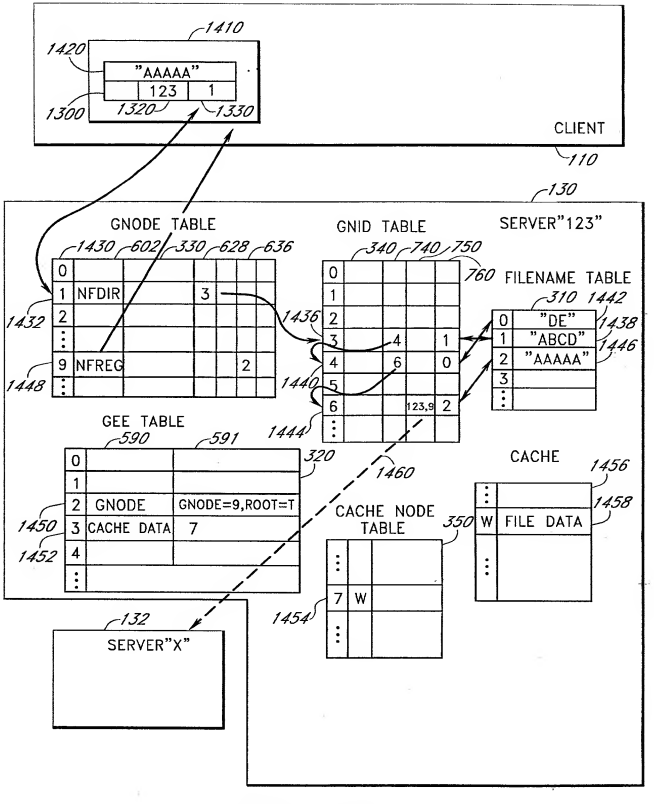

1410
1420
"AAAAA"
123
1
1300
1320
1330
CLIENT
110
130
SERVER"123"
GNODE TABLE
GNID TABLE
FILENAME TABLE
1430
602
330
628
636
340
740
750
760
310
1442
0
1
2
3
9
NFDIR
NFREG
1432
1436
1448
1440
4
6
123,9
"DE"
"ABCD"
"AAAAA"
1438
1446
GEE TABLE
590
591
320
1444
1460
CACHE
1456
GNODE
GNODE=9,ROOT=T
CACHE DATA
7
1450
1452
CACHE NODE TABLE
350
W
FILE DATA
1458
1454
132
SERVER"X"

FIG. 14A

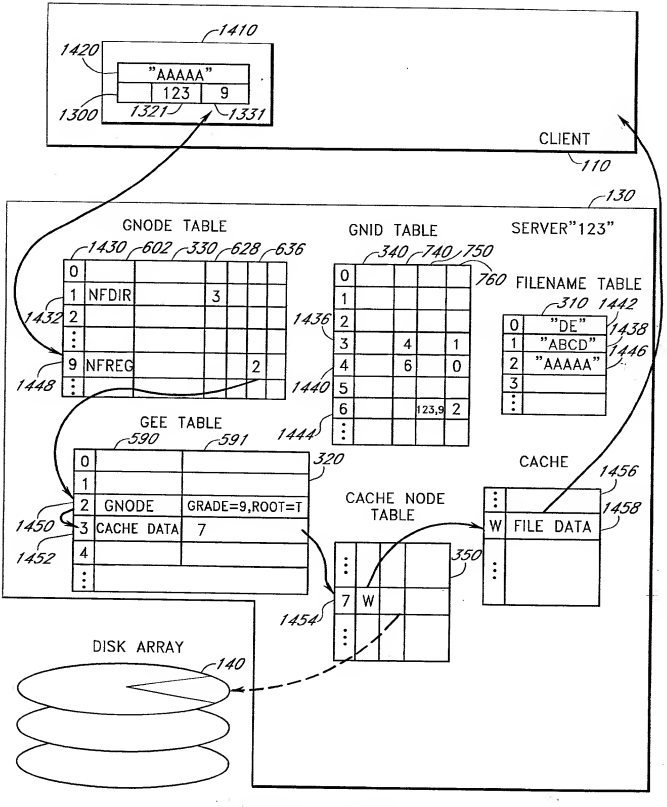

1410
1420
"AAAAA"
123
9
1300
1321
1331
CLIENT
110
130
SERVER"123"
GNODE TABLE
1430 602 330 628 636
0
1 NFDIR 3
1432 2
9 NFREG 2
1448
GNID TABLE
340 740 750
760
0
1
2
3 4 1
1436
4 6 0
1440
5
6 123,9 2
1444
FILENAME TABLE
310 1442
0 "DE"
1438
1 "ABCD"
1446
2 "AAAAA"
3
GEE TABLE
590 591
320
0
1
2 GNODE GRADE=9,ROOT=T
1450
3 CACHE DATA 7
1452
4
CACHE
1456
CACHE NODE TABLE
W FILE DATA
1458
350
7 W
1454
DISK ARRAY
140

FIG. 14B

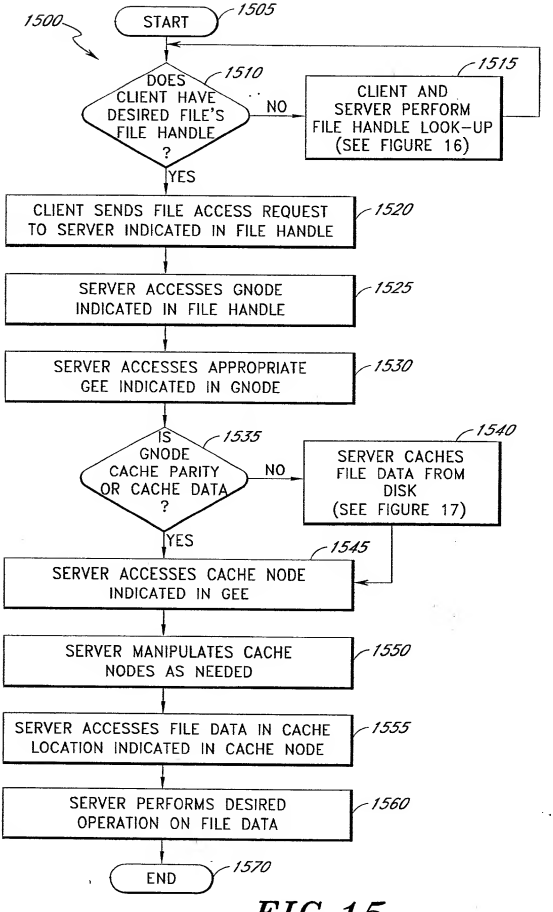

1500
START
1505
DOES CLIENT HAVE DESIRED FILE'S FILE HANDLE ?
1510
NO
CLIENT AND SERVER PERFORM FILE HANDLE LOOK-UP (SEE FIGURE 16)
1515
YES
CLIENT SENDS FILE ACCESS REQUEST TO SERVER INDICATED IN FILE HANDLE
1520
SERVER ACCESSES GNODE INDICATED IN FILE HANDLE
1525
SERVER ACCESSES APPROPRIATE GEE INDICATED IN GNODE
1530
IS GNODE CACHE PARITY OR CACHE DATA ?
1535
NO
SERVER CACHES FILE DATA FROM DISK (SEE FIGURE 17)
1540
YES
SERVER ACCESSES CACHE NODE INDICATED IN GEE
1545
SERVER MANIPULATES CACHE NODES AS NEEDED
1550
SERVER ACCESSES FILE DATA IN CACHE LOCATION INDICATED IN CACHE NODE
1555
SERVER PERFORMS DESIRED OPERATION ON FILE DATA
1560
END
1570

FIG. 15

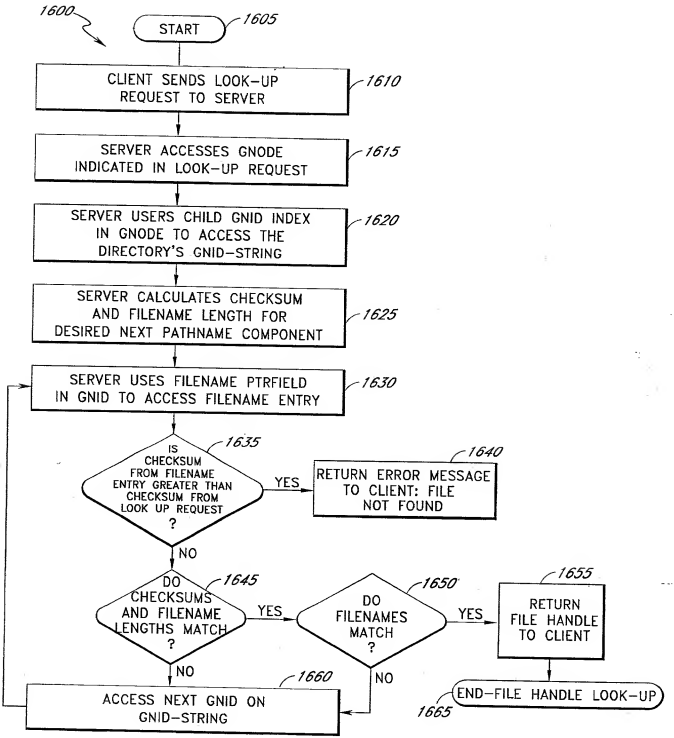

1600
START
1605
CLIENT SENDS LOOK-UP REQUEST TO SERVER
1610
SERVER ACCESSES GNODE INDICATED IN LOOK-UP REQUEST
1615
SERVER USERS CHILD GNID INDEX IN GNODE TO ACCESS THE DIRECTORY'S GNID-STRING
1620
SERVER CALCULATES CHECKSUM AND FILENAME LENGTH FOR DESIRED NEXT PATHNAME COMPONENT
1625
SERVER USES FILENAME PTRFIELD IN GNID TO ACCESS FILENAME ENTRY
1630
IS CHECKSUM FROM FILENAME ENTRY GREATER THAN CHECKSUM FROM LOOK UP REQUEST ?
1635
YES
RETURN ERROR MESSAGE TO CLIENT: FILE NOT FOUND
1640
NO
DO CHECKSUMS AND FILENAME LENGTHS MATCH ?
1645
YES
DO FILENAMES MATCH ?
1650
YES
RETURN FILE HANDLE TO CLIENT
1655
NO
ACCESS NEXT GNID ON GNID-STRING
1660
NO
END-FILE HANDLE LOOK-UP
1665

FIG. 16

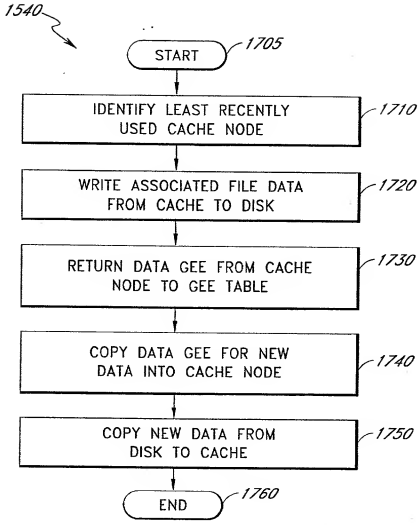

1540
START
1705
IDENTIFY LEAST RECENTLY USED CACHE NODE
1710
WRITE ASSOCIATED FILE DATA FROM CACHE TO DISK
1720
RETURN DATA GEE FROM CACHE NODE TO GEE TABLE
1730
COPY DATA GEE FOR NEW DATA INTO CACHE NODE
1740
COPY NEW DATA FROM DISK TO CACHE
1750
END
1760

FIG. 17

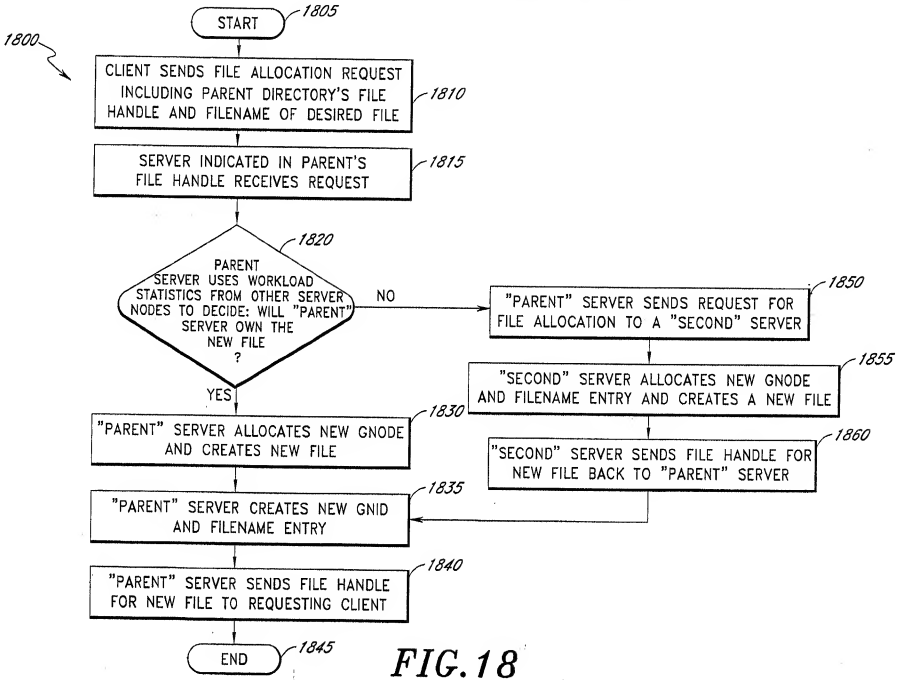

1800
START
1805
CLIENT SENDS FILE ALLOCATION REQUEST INCLUDING PARENT DIRECTORY'S FILE HANDLE AND FILENAME OF DESIRED FILE
1810
SERVER INDICATED IN PARENT'S FILE HANDLE RECEIVES REQUEST
1815
PARENT SERVER USES WORKLOAD STATISTICS FROM OTHER SERVER NODES TO DECIDE: WILL "PARENT" SERVER OWN THE NEW FILE ?
1820
NO
YES
"PARENT" SERVER SENDS REQUEST FOR FILE ALLOCATION TO A "SECOND" SERVER
1850
"SECOND" SERVER ALLOCATES NEW GNODE AND FILENAME ENTRY AND CREATES A NEW FILE
1855
"SECOND" SERVER SENDS FILE HANDLE FOR NEW FILE BACK TO "PARENT" SERVER
1860
"PARENT" SERVER ALLOCATES NEW GNODE AND CREATES NEW FILE
1830
"PARENT" SERVER CREATES NEW GNID AND FILENAME ENTRY
1835
"PARENT" SERVER SENDS FILE HANDLE FOR NEW FILE TO REQUESTING CLIENT
1840
END
1845

FIG. 18

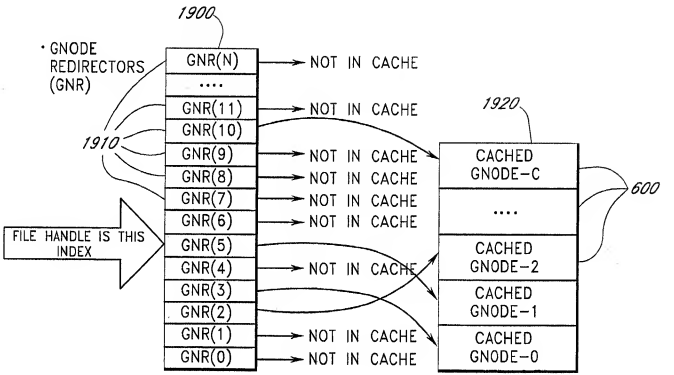

1900
• GNODE REDIRECTORS (GNR)
1910
GNR(N)
....
GNR(11)
GNR(10)
GNR(9)
GNR(8)
GNR(7)
GNR(6)
GNR(5)
GNR(4)
GNR(3)
GNR(2)
GNR(1)
GNR(0)
NOT IN CACHE
NOT IN CACHE
NOT IN CACHE
NOT IN CACHE
NOT IN CACHE
NOT IN CACHE
NOT IN CACHE
NOT IN CACHE
FILE HANDLE IS THIS INDEX
1920
CACHED GNODE-C
....
CACHED GNODE-2
CACHED GNODE-1
CACHED GNODE-0
600

FIG. 19

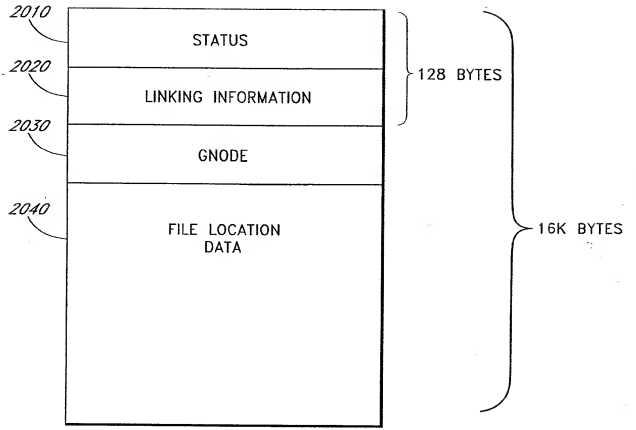

2010
STATUS
2020
LINKING INFORMATION
2030
GNODE
2040
FILE LOCATION DATA
128 BYTES
16K BYTES

FIG.20A

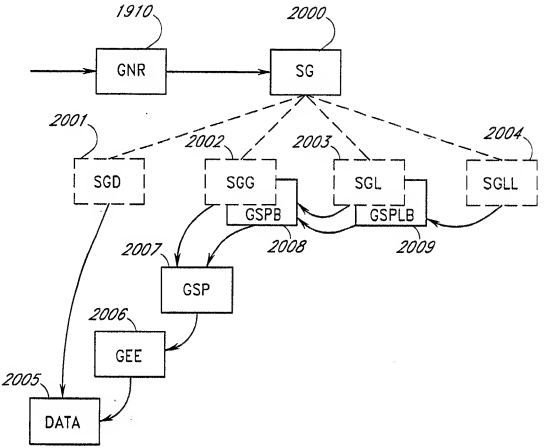

1910
2000
GNR
SG
2001
2002
2003
2004
SGD
SGG
SGL
SGLL
GSPB
GSPLB
2007
2008
2009
GSP
2006
GEE
2005
DATA

FIG.20B

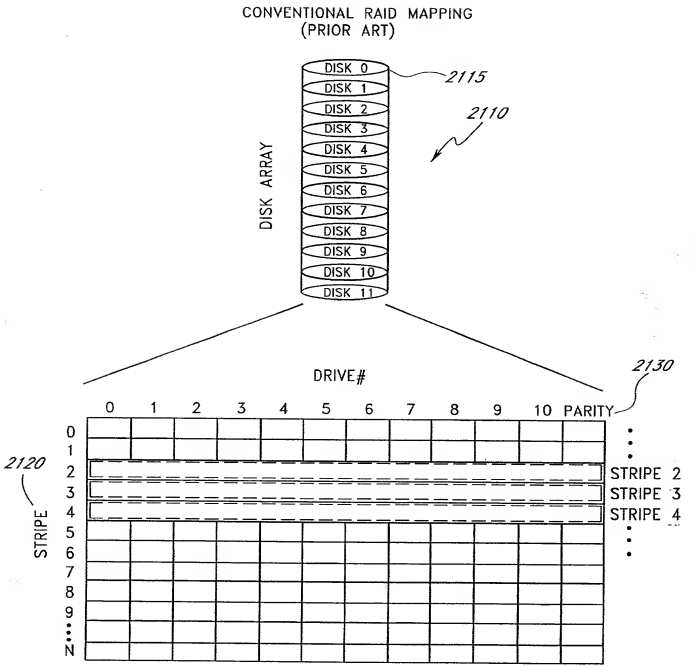

CONVENTIONAL RAID MAPPING
(PRIOR ART)
DISK ARRAY
DISK 0
DISK 1
DISK 2
DISK 3
DISK 4
DISK 5
DISK 6
DISK 7
DISK 8
DISK 9
DISK 10
DISK 11
2115
2110
DRIVE#
2130
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 PARITY
2120
STRIPE
STRIPE 2
STRIPE 3
STRIPE 4
N

FIG.21

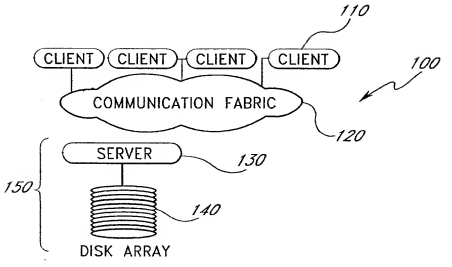


FIG.22A

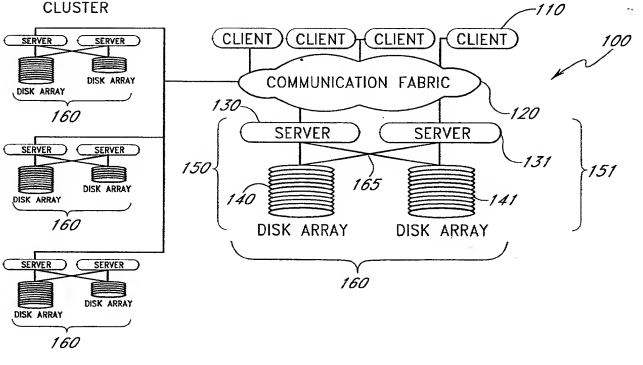


FIG.22B

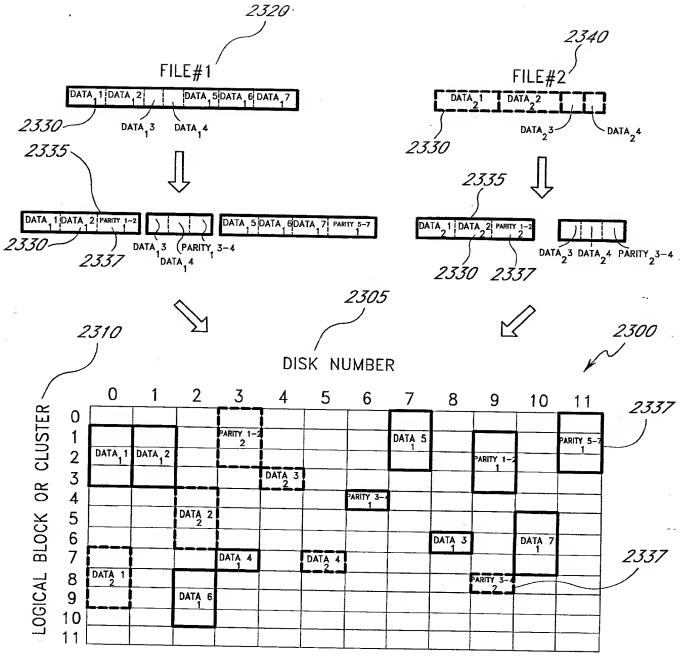

2320
FILE#1
2330
2335
2337
2340
FILE#2
2305
DISK NUMBER
2310
2300
LOGICAL BLOCK OR CLUSTER
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
2337
2337

FIG.23

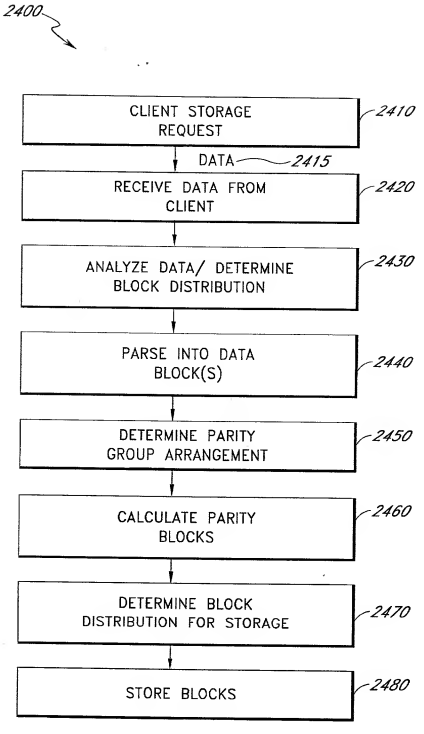

2400
CLIENT STORAGE REQUEST
2410
DATA
2415
RECEIVE DATA FROM CLIENT
2420
ANALYZE DATA/ DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION
2430
PARSE INTO DATA BLOCK(S)
2440
DETERMINE PARITY GROUP ARRANGEMENT
2450
CALCULATE PARITY BLOCKS
2460
DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION FOR STORAGE
2470
STORE BLOCKS
2480

FIG.24A

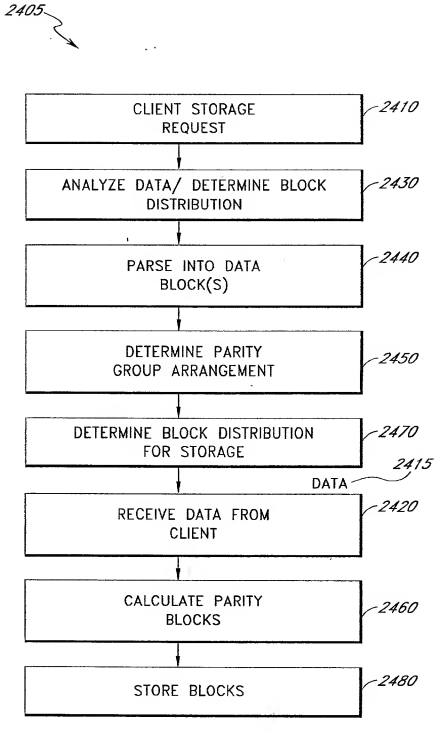

2405
CLIENT STORAGE REQUEST
2410
ANALYZE DATA/ DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION
2430
PARSE INTO DATA BLOCK(S)
2440
DETERMINE PARITY GROUP ARRANGEMENT
2450
DETERMINE BLOCK DISTRIBUTION FOR STORAGE
2470
2415
DATA
RECEIVE DATA FROM CLIENT
2420
CALCULATE PARITY BLOCKS
2460
STORE BLOCKS
2480

FIG.24B

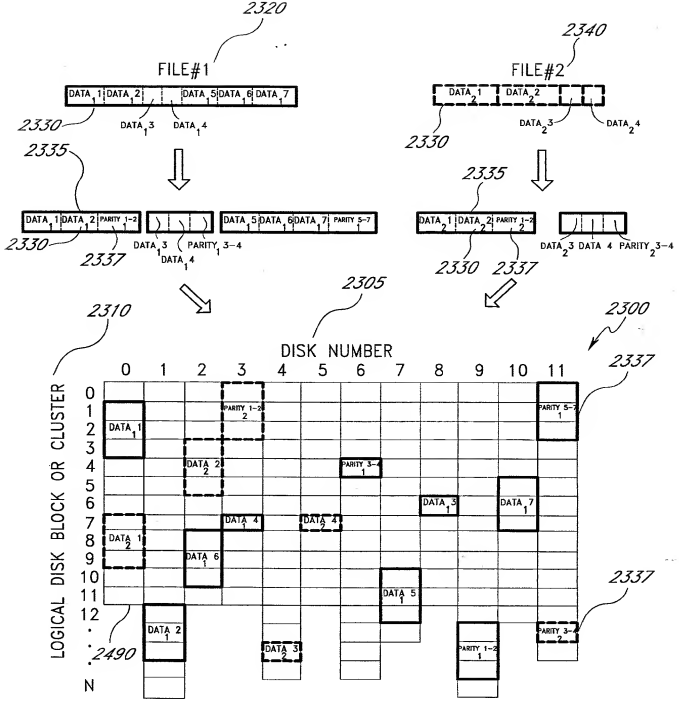

2320
FILE#1
DATA 1 1
DATA 2 1
DATA 5 1
DATA 6 1
DATA 7 1
DATA 1 3
DATA 1 4
2330
2335
PARITY 1-2 1
PARITY 5-7 1
PARITY 1 3-4
2337
2340
FILE#2
DATA 1 2
DATA 2 2
DATA 2 3
DATA 2 4
DATA 2 3 DATA 4
PARITY 2 3-4
2305
2310
2300
DISK NUMBER
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
LOGICAL DISK BLOCK OR CLUSTER
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 N
PARITY 1-2 2
PARITY 3-4 1
PARITY 5-7 2
PARITY 3-4 2
DATA 1 1
DATA 2 2
DATA 1 4
DATA 2 4
DATA 1 2
DATA 1 6
DATA 5 1
DATA 1 7
DATA 3 1
DATA 2 1
DATA 2 3
PARITY 1-2 1
2490

FIG.25

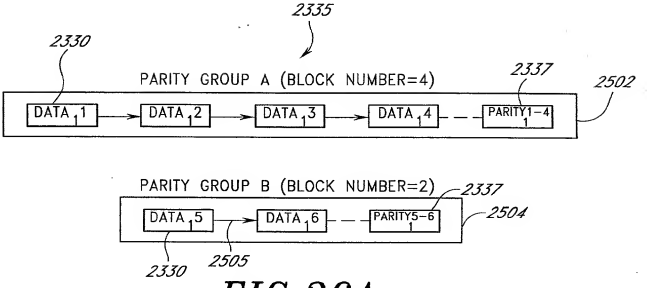


FIG.26A

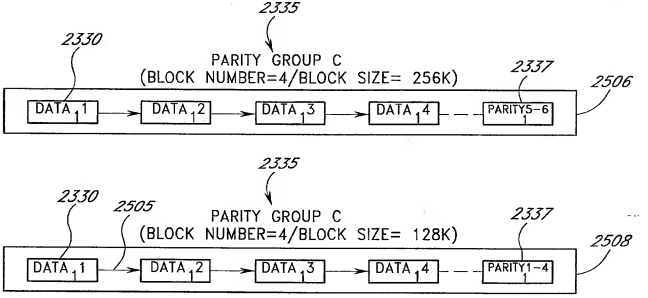


FIG.26B

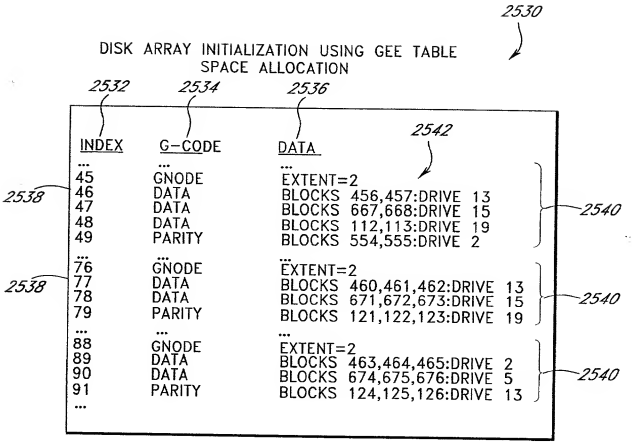

2530
DISK ARRAY INITIALIZATION USING GEE TABLE
SPACE ALLOCATION
2532
2534
2536
2542
INDEX
G-CODE
DATA
2538
2538
2540
2540
2540
45 GNODE EXTENT=2
46 DATA BLOCKS 456,457:DRIVE 13
47 DATA BLOCKS 667,668:DRIVE 15
48 DATA BLOCKS 112,113:DRIVE 19
49 PARITY BLOCKS 554,555:DRIVE 2
76 GNODE EXTENT=2
77 DATA BLOCKS 460,461,462:DRIVE 13
78 DATA BLOCKS 671,672,673:DRIVE 15
79 PARITY BLOCKS 121,122,123:DRIVE 19
88 GNODE EXTENT=2
89 DATA BLOCKS 463,464,465:DRIVE 2
90 DATA BLOCKS 674,675,676:DRIVE 5
91 PARITY BLOCKS 124,125,126:DRIVE 13

FIG.27

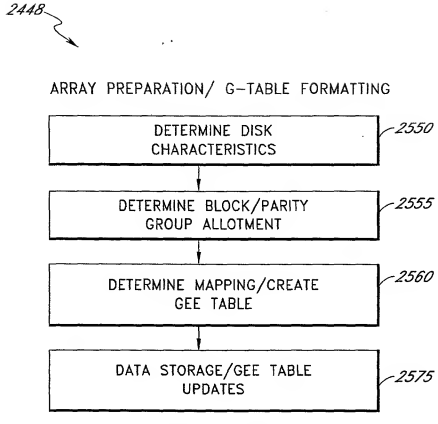

2448
ARRAY PREPARATION/ G-TABLE FORMATTING
DETERMINE DISK CHARACTERISTICS
2550
DETERMINE BLOCK/PARITY GROUP ALLOTMENT
2555
DETERMINE MAPPING/CREATE GEE TABLE
2560
DATA STORAGE/GEE TABLE UPDATES
2575

FIG.28

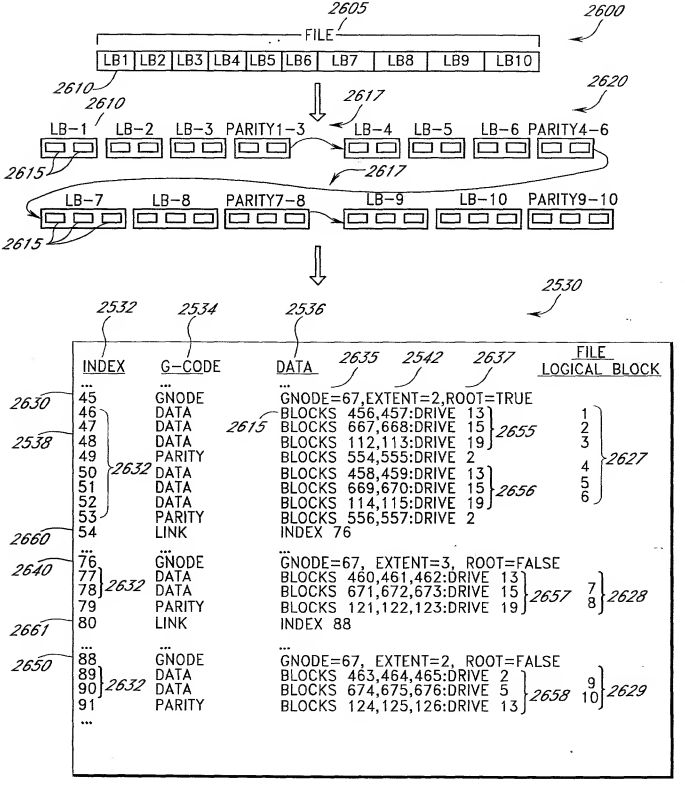

2605
2600
FILE
LB1 LB2 LB3 LB4 LB5 LB6 LB7 LB8 LB9 LB10
2610
2610
2617
2620
LB-1 LB-2 LB-3 PARITY1-3 LB-4 LB-5 LB-6 PARITY4-6
2615
2617
LB-7 LB-8 PARITY7-8 LB-9 LB-10 PARITY9-10
2615
2530
2532
2534
2536
INDEX G-CODE DATA
2635 2542 2637
FILE LOGICAL BLOCK
2630 45 GNODE GNODE=67,EXTENT=2,ROOT=TRUE
46 DATA BLOCKS 456,457:DRIVE 13
2538 47 DATA 2615 BLOCKS 667,668:DRIVE 15 2655
48 DATA BLOCKS 112,113:DRIVE 19
49 PARITY BLOCKS 554,555:DRIVE 2
2632 50 DATA BLOCKS 458,459:DRIVE 13
51 DATA BLOCKS 669,670:DRIVE 15 2656
52 DATA BLOCKS 114,115:DRIVE 19
53 PARITY BLOCKS 556,557:DRIVE 2
2660 54 LINK INDEX 76
2640 76 GNODE GNODE=67, EXTENT=3, ROOT=FALSE
77 DATA BLOCKS 460,461,462:DRIVE 13
2632 78 DATA BLOCKS 671,672,673:DRIVE 15 2657
79 PARITY BLOCKS 121,122,123:DRIVE 19
2661 80 LINK INDEX 88
2650 88 GNODE GNODE=67, EXTENT=2, ROOT=FALSE
89 DATA BLOCKS 463,464,465:DRIVE 2
2632 90 DATA BLOCKS 674,675,676:DRIVE 5 2658
91 PARITY BLOCKS 124,125,126:DRIVE 13
1 2 3 4 5 6 2627
7 8 2628
9 10 2629

FIG.29

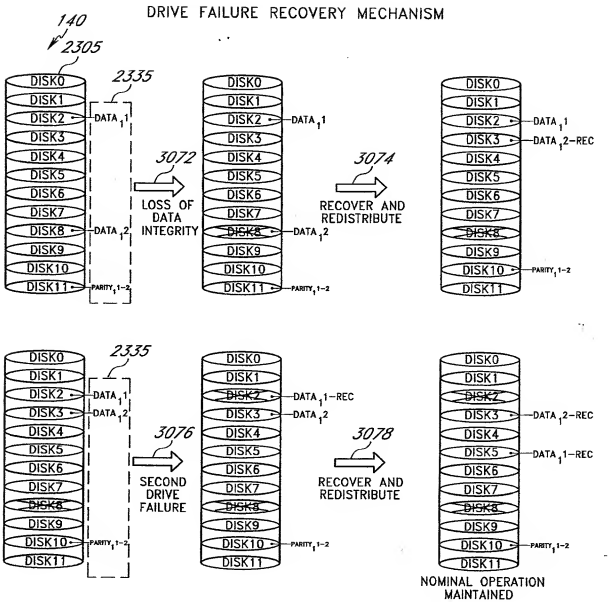

DRIVE FAILURE RECOVERY MECHANISM
140
2305
2335
DISK0
DISK1
DISK2
DISK3
DISK4
DISK5
DISK6
DISK7
DISK8
DISK9
DISK10
DISK11
DATA 1 1
DATA 1 2
PARITY 1 1-2
3072
LOSS OF DATA INTEGRITY
3074
RECOVER AND REDISTRIBUTE
DATA 1 2-REC
2335
DATA 1 1-REC
3076
SECOND DRIVE FAILURE
3078
RECOVER AND REDISTRIBUTE
NOMINAL OPERATION MAINTAINED

FIG. 30

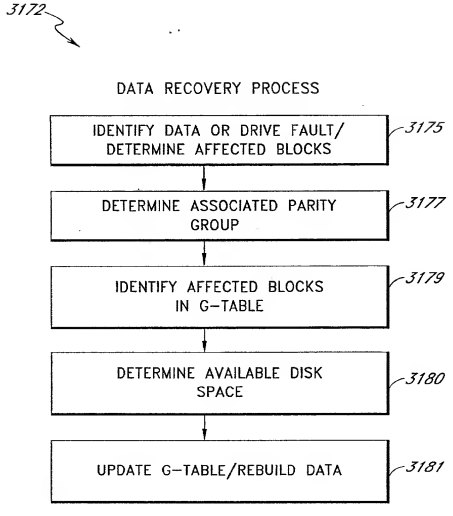

3172
DATA RECOVERY PROCESS
IDENTIFY DATA OR DRIVE FAULT/ DETERMINE AFFECTED BLOCKS
3175
DETERMINE ASSOCIATED PARITY GROUP
3177
IDENTIFY AFFECTED BLOCKS IN G-TABLE
3179
DETERMINE AVAILABLE DISK SPACE
3180
UPDATE G-TABLE/REBUILD DATA
3181

FIG.31

FIG.32A

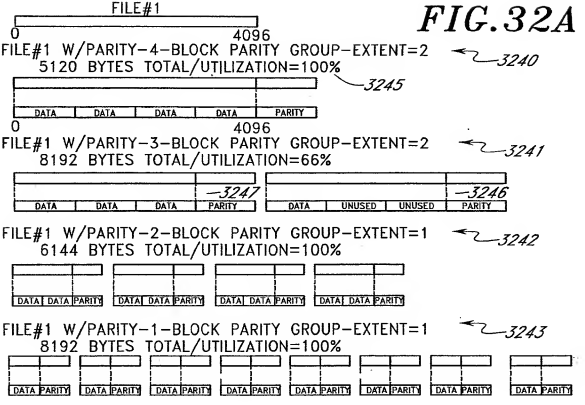
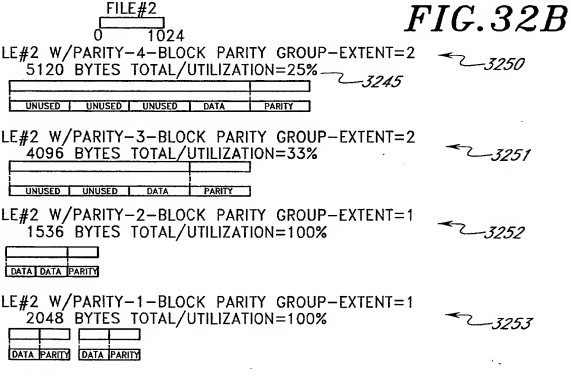


FIG.32B



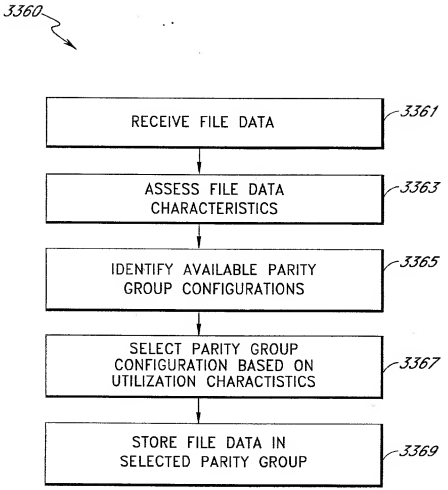

3360
RECEIVE FILE DATA
3361
ASSESS FILE DATA CHARACTERISTICS
3363
IDENTIFY AVAILABLE PARITY GROUP CONFIGURATIONS
3365
SELECT PARITY GROUP CONFIGURATION BASED ON UTILIZATION CHARACTISTICS
3367
STORE FILE DATA IN SELECTED PARITY GROUP
3369

FIG.33

FIG.34A

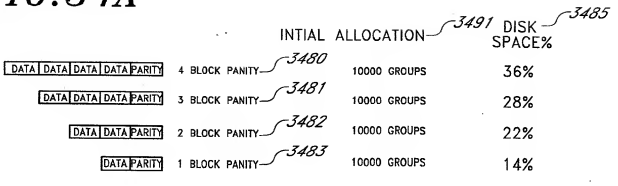


FIG.34B

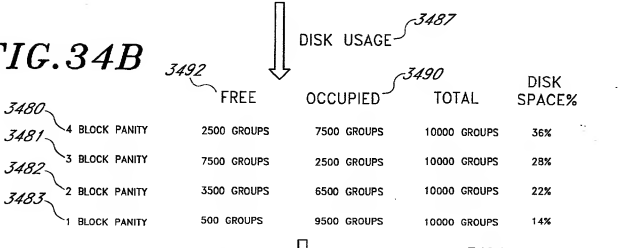
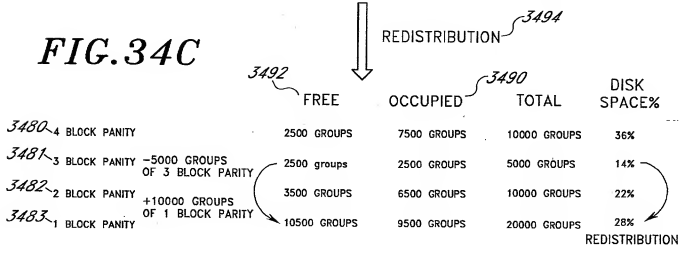


FIG.34C



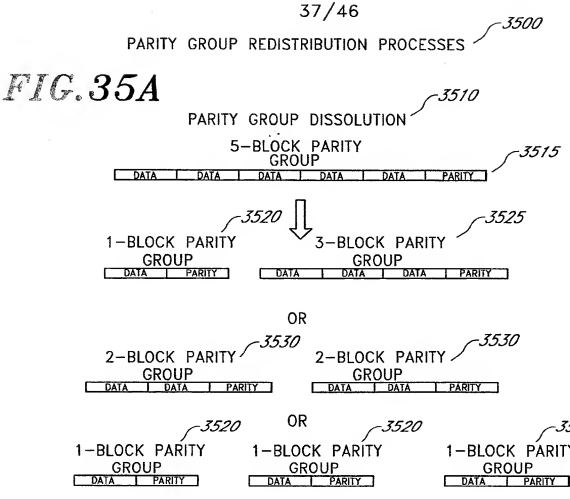


FIG. 35A

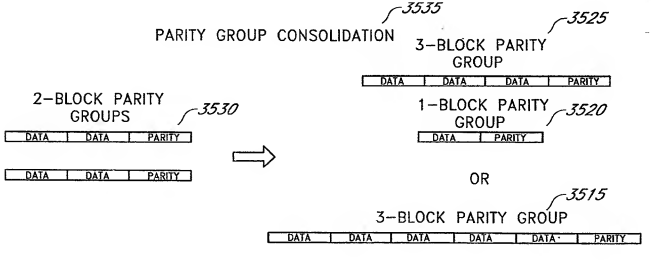


FIG. 35B

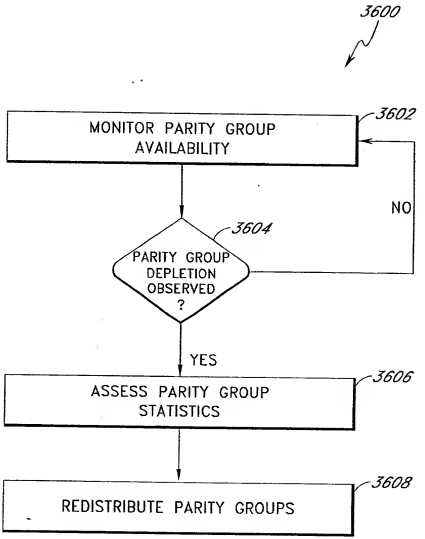

3600
MONITOR PARITY GROUP AVAILABILITY
3602
NO
3604
PARITY GROUP DEPLETION OBSERVED ?
YES
ASSESS PARITY GROUP STATISTICS
3606
REDISTRIBUTE PARITY GROUPS
3608

FIG. 36

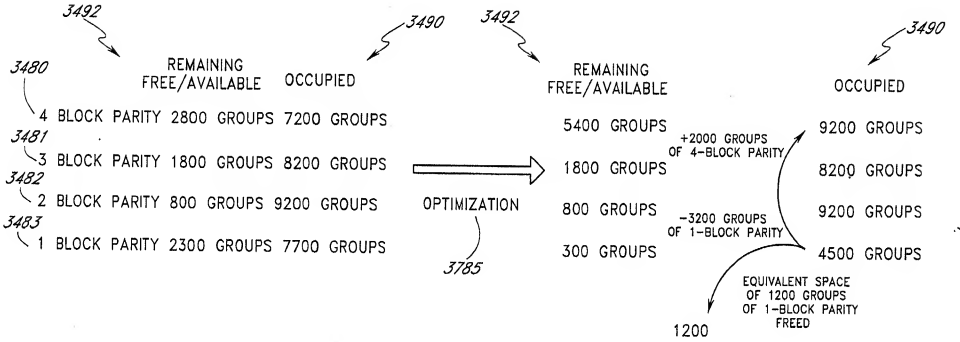

3492
3490
3492
3490
3480
REMAINING FREE/AVAILABLE
OCCUPIED
REMAINING FREE/AVAILABLE
OCCUPIED
4 BLOCK PARITY 2800 GROUPS 7200 GROUPS
3481
3 BLOCK PARITY 1800 GROUPS 8200 GROUPS
3482
2 BLOCK PARITY 800 GROUPS 9200 GROUPS
3483
1 BLOCK PARITY 2300 GROUPS 7700 GROUPS
OPTIMIZATION
3785
5400 GROUPS
9200 GROUPS
+2000 GROUPS OF 4-BLOCK PARITY
1800 GROUPS
8200 GROUPS
800 GROUPS
9200 GROUPS
-3200 GROUPS OF 1-BLOCK PARITY
300 GROUPS
4500 GROUPS
EQUIVALENT SPACE OF 1200 GROUPS OF 1-BLOCK PARITY FREED
1200

FIG.37

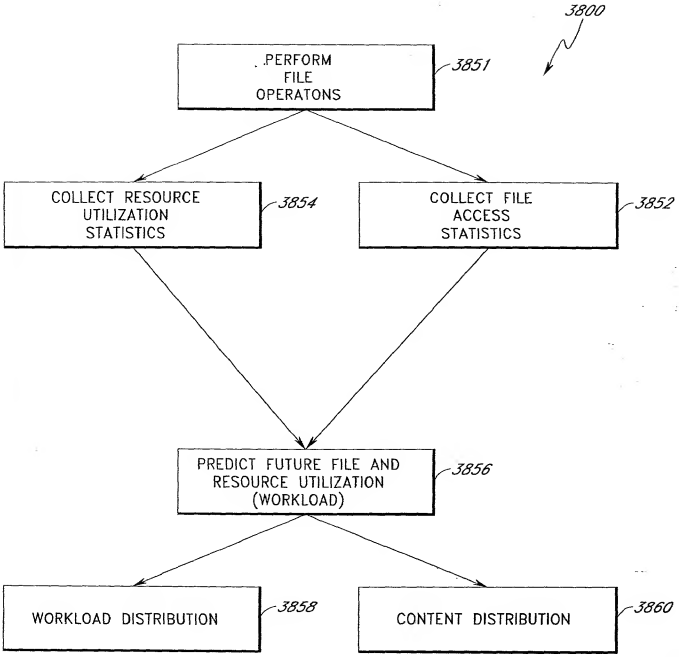

3800
PERFORM FILE OPERATONS
3851
COLLECT RESOURCE UTILIZATION STATISTICS
3854
COLLECT FILE ACCESS STATISTICS
3852
PREDICT FUTURE FILE AND RESOURCE UTILIZATION (WORKLOAD)
3856
WORKLOAD DISTRIBUTION
3858
CONTENT DISTRIBUTION
3860

FIG.38

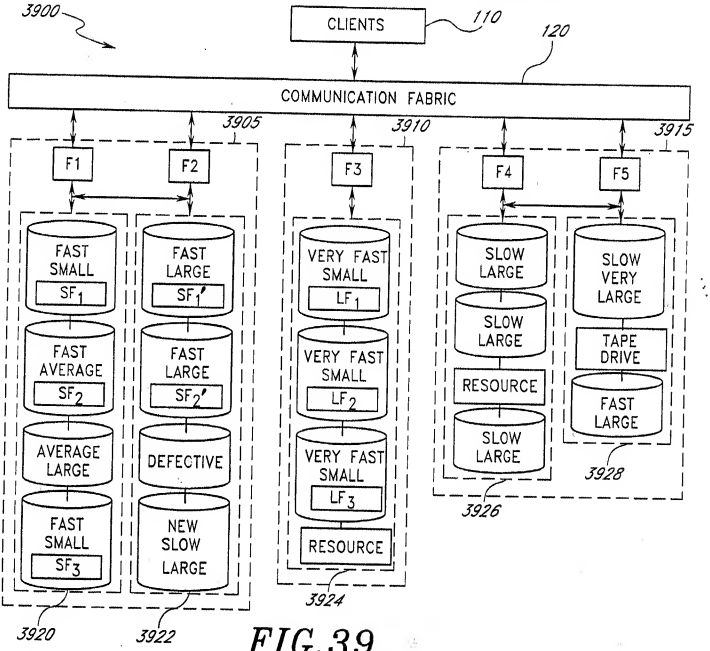

3900
CLIENTS
110
120
COMMUNICATION FABRIC
3905
3910
3915
F1
F2
F3
F4
F5
FAST SMALL SF1
FAST AVERAGE SF2
AVERAGE LARGE
FAST SMALL SF3
FAST LARGE SF1'
FAST LARGE SF2'
DEFECTIVE
NEW SLOW LARGE
VERY FAST SMALL LF1
VERY FAST SMALL LF2
VERY FAST SMALL LF3
RESOURCE
SLOW LARGE
SLOW LARGE
RESOURCE
SLOW LARGE
SLOW VERY LARGE
TAPE DRIVE
FAST LARGE
3920
3922
3924
3926
3928

FIG.39

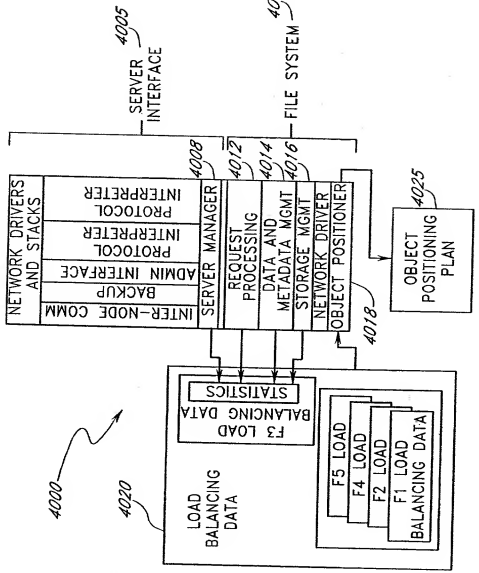

4000
4020
LOAD BALANCING DATA
F1 LOAD BALANCING DATA
F2 LOAD
F4 LOAD
F5 LOAD
F3 LOAD BALANCING DATA
STATISTICS
4018
OBJECT POSITIONING PLAN
4025
OBJECT POSITIONER
NETWORK DRIVER
STORAGE MGMT
DATA AND METADATA MGMT
REQUEST PROCESSING
SERVER MANAGER
4008
4012
4014
4016
INTER-NODE COMM
BACKUP
ADMIN INTERFACE
PROTOCOL INTERPRETER
PROTOCOL INTERPRETER
NETWORK DRIVERS AND STACKS
SERVER INTERFACE
4005
FILE SYSTEM
4010

FIG. 40

F3 OBJECT
POSITIONING PLAN

4025

- PUSH LF TO F4–F5 CLUSTER
- ISSUE FILE HANDLE FOR LF=STALE
- IF REQUESTED,
  - SEND ACCEPTANCE FOR COPY OF SF TO F1
  - CREATE COPY OF SF
  - SEND FILE HANDLE OF SF TO F1

FIG. 41

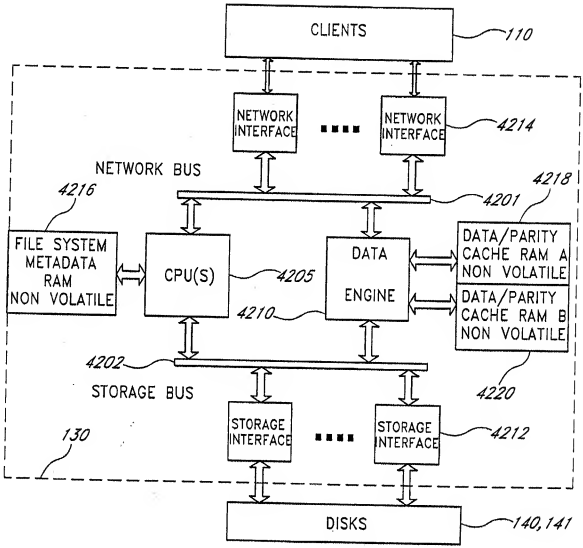

CLIENTS
110
NETWORK INTERFACE
NETWORK INTERFACE
4214
NETWORK BUS
4216
4218
4201
FILE SYSTEM METADATA RAM NON VOLATILE
CPU(S)
4205
DATA ENGINE
4210
DATA/PARITY CACHE RAM A NON VOLATILE
DATA/PARITY CACHE RAM B NON VOLATILE
4220
4202
STORAGE BUS
STORAGE INTERFACE
STORAGE INTERFACE
4212
130
DISKS
140,141

FIG. 42

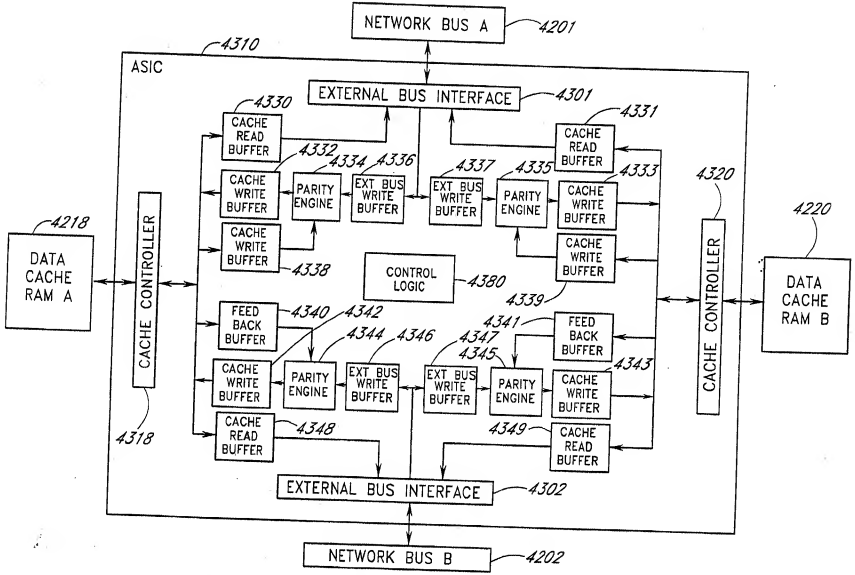

NETWORK BUS A
4201
4310
ASIC
EXTERNAL BUS INTERFACE
4301
4330
CACHE READ BUFFER
4331
CACHE READ BUFFER
4332
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
4334
PARITY ENGINE
4336
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
4337
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
4335
PARITY ENGINE
4333
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
4320
4218
DATA CACHE RAM A
CACHE CONTROLLER
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
4338
CONTROL LOGIC
4380
4339
4220
DATA CACHE RAM B
FEED BACK BUFFER
4340
4342
4341
FEED BACK BUFFER
4344
4346
4347
4345
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
PARITY ENGINE
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
EXT BUS WRITE BUFFER
PARITY ENGINE
CACHE WRITE BUFFER
4343
CACHE CONTROLLER
4318
CACHE READ BUFFER
4348
4349
CACHE READ BUFFER
EXTERNAL BUS INTERFACE
4302
NETWORK BUS B
4202

FIG. 43

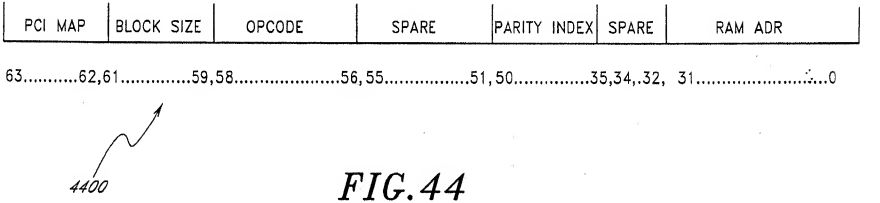


FIG.44